

Team Tyndall gears up for Heritage Day 2000 celebration, festivities

2nd Lt. Michael J. Adams
325th Fighter Wing
public affairs

Team Tyndall invites its members and the local community to honor our commitment to America, freedom and democracy during Tyndall's annual Heritage Day celebration July 3, the day before national Independence Day.

Starting with the opening ceremony and national anthem at 4 p.m. at Tyndall's Heritage Park, Heritage Day will feature carnival-style games, continuous musical entertainment, magic, food and, of course, fireworks. "Heritage Day creates an old-fashioned park-style atmosphere," said Peggy Geil, 325th Services Squadron marketing director. "It's safe, fun and reasonable, with something for everyone."

The event is conducted in partnership with Panama City's 4th of July celebration. "Team Tyndall has strong ties to the Panama City community, and lots of us want to celebrate

with our friends and neighbors" Geil said. "When the Tyndall and the Services Squadron started Heritage Day several years ago, we wanted to create a celebration that would enhance local Independence Day events, not compete with them."

Heritage Day is open to the entire Panama City community, as well as Team Tyndall members. "Both gates will be open, but we are encouraging people to enter at the Illinois gate, where directions to Heritage Park will be available," Geil said. "We are expecting 15,000 people this year, so we're encouraging people to bring their lawn chairs and blankets."

Musical events at Heritage Day kick off at 4 p.m. with the national anthem, followed by continuous live entertainment throughout the night. Musical acts scheduled include country and pop artists, Suzanna Stewart, Daniel Marshall and Asia Purple; Island music

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Peggy Geil

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Flag Day

Members of the Tyndall Honor Guard prepare to fold the flag during a practice ceremony. Wednesday commemorates the 51st anniversary of the national observance of Flag Day. Flag Day was celebrated in various communities for years, but it was not until August 3, 1949 that President Harry S. Truman designated June 14 as National Flag Day. The day is set aside to reflect on the freedoms that our nation was founded upon. It commemorates 224 years of "one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

190 Tyndallites selected for promotion to E-6,E-7

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AFPN) — The Air Force released the master and technical sergeant promotion lists Thursday and 190 Team Tyndall members were on them.

The Air Force selected 7,536 of 19,269 eligible technical sergeants for promotion to master sergeant and 11,449 of 41,414 eligible staff sergeants for promotion to technical sergeant. This represents an overall 39.1 percent selection rate for the 00E7 cycle and 27.6 percent selection rate for the 00E6 cycle, for an all-time record-setting percentage on both counts.

The complete list of selectees will be available on the Internet by 5 p.m. today at: www.afpc.randolph.mil.

Tyndall's newest master sergeant

selects are:

325th Services Squadron

Kenneth A. Forand
Shaun J. Johnson
Micole J. Miller

325th Fighter Wing

Richard A. Brashear
Martin Chazarreta
Sean E. Cobb
Charles R. Combs
Vincent C. Dotson
Douglas Easterling
Rose H. Hargis

325th Training Squadron

Andrew J. Kolbe
Albert L. Mills III
Kurt A. Noel
Theresa F. Sheck

1st Fighter Squadron

Regnal M. Bowles

Jerry B. Cash
Zane L. Craig
Ronald L. Porter
Anthony J. Scuvotti

325th Mission Support Squadron

Margaret M. Hagen

2nd Fighter Squadron

Rick C. Bannon
Jeromeo A. Cuenca
Brian W. Dennett
James C. Fuller
James E. Givens
Timothy J. Gorrell
Robert E. Gray
Richard D. James
Ronald J. Schneider
Michael A. Simons
Daniel F. Spratto
Jeroy J. Stelly Jr.

325th Security Forces Squadron

Kent L. Haines
Thomas J. Milligan
John M. Neely

325th Civil Engineer Squadron

George K. Hamilton
Donald E. Lauer
Ralph W. McNemar Jr.
Frederic C. Terry
Alan V. Tompkins Jr.

325th Maintenance Squadron

Gregory A. Chille
Glenn T. Lack**
Lanny A. Lord
Jeffrey R. Williams

325th Communications Squadron

Raymond S. Bettencourt
Patrick J. Briley
Keith D. Classon
Derrick Q. Curtis
Linda L. Gore

Eric W. Grath
Steven P. Johnson
Claus D. Range
Richard W. Venable
Dale C. Vinson**
David C. Wentworth

372nd Field Training Squadron

John P. Sims

325th Operations Group

John P. Finch
Timothy G. Jackson
James B. Mode
Brian S. Vandusen
Timothy D. Westcott**

325th Logistic Support Squadron

Edward J. Bray**
Paul R. Hull Jr.
Matthew R. Standish

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Programs offered to broaden civilian careers

Staff Sgt. Cynthia Miller
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — The Air Force is looking for about 170 civilian employees in grades GS-12 through GS-15 to participate in two ongoing leadership and management programs in 2001.

Under the Air Force Civilian Competitive Development Program, the service will select 100 to 110 candidates — nominated by senior leaders — to participate in career-broadening activities, while under the Defense Leadership and Management Program, 50 to 60 qualified candidates will be selected.

Commanders of all eligible Tyndall members should have already been notified, said Sonja Crownover, 325th Mission Support Squadron civilian personnel officer. “All organizations serviced by the Tyndall Civilian Personnel Office should have received a letter from the Randolph AFB, Texas Civilian Training Office,” she said. “The letter should have also included nomination procedures and an eligible candidates listing.”

Initiatives offered through these leadership-development programs include increased opportunities for education, training and development, relocation bonuses to help offset the cost of geographic moves and an increased number of professional military education seats for civilian employees, said Greg Den Herder, Personnel Force Management deputy director.

Taking a cue from active-duty career-development programs, the CCDP and DLAMP offer a framework wherein civilian employees

can manage their careers to reach their maximum leadership potential.

Tyndall’s suspense date for all packages to be at Randolph’s Civilian Training Office is July 19, Crownover stressed. “Commanders should be seeking out, nominating and releasing highly skilled and competitive civilian employees who meet the criteria for the program,” she said. “All nominations are submitted to the Randolph Civilian Training Office through their training monitor.”

CCDP selections will be announced in November with DLAMP selections named in December.

Although selections to CCDP and DLAMP are made at the same time, they remain separate and distinct programs.

The DLAMP is designed to cultivate select employees from GS -13 through GS-15 grades into leaders and managers through training, education and professional development over a six-year period, Den Herder said. Participants must finish a 12-month rotational assignment, senior-level PME and at least 10 graduate-level courses in a broad range of subjects appropriate for defense leaders.

The CCDP is a leadership track designed to help people in grades GS-12 through GS-15 compete for promotion by selecting the right person at the right time for the right training, he said. Then they’re expected to put that training to work in an appropriate follow-on assignment.

For more information about this civilian career-development program, call the Randolph Civilian Training Office, DSN 487-4540.

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325th Operations Support Squadron

Carlos P. Caballero
John K. Hall
Steven S. Lantz
James S. Tomkowski
Harold B. Treadway

325th Contracting Squadron

Mark R. Benson
Martha V. Hooks

95th Fighter Squadron

Roger L. Feezell
Kenneth E. Starnes
Robert V. Wahl
Roy L. Wetsel

83rd Fighter Weapons Squadron

Jeffrey C. Adams
Patrick R. Gravis
Glenn W. Hoflund
Howard M. Marshall
Doris L. Meacham
Peter R. Raczynski
Michael J. Scobey

Tyndall NCO Academy

Robert Castellano**
Carl E. Collins
Phillip E. King
Ishraph Mohammed
Mark E. Peters
Scott J. Porter

325th Medical Support Squadron

James C. Emery
Kwane P. Harrison
Craig A. Harrold
Mark E. Hilton

325th Aeromedical-Dental Squadron

Geri A. Kohler

325th Fighter Wing Det. 1 Corry Station

Jack W. Brown Jr.

81st Test Support Squadron

Michael A. Hobbs
James I. White

Det. 1 823rd RED HORSE Squadron

Brian K. Vest

16th Electronic Warfare Squadron

Nicholas W. Adamski

Air Force Civil Engineer Support Agency

Bruce A. Grabbe
Jimmy J. Wills

Tyndall’s newest technical sergeant selects are:

325th Services Squadron

William J. Lowder
Valerie J. Strobele

325th Fighter Wing

Rik L. Hix

325th Training Squadron

John R. Errett
Randall L. Hendricks
Timothy R. Jones
Johnny C. Rapier
Danilya D. Stilchen
David M. Stilchen

1st Fighter Squadron

Jay A. Bertsch
Rosemarie E. Goodall
Charles Peacock
Steven J. Peyer
Richard L. Roberts
Ronald J. Simmons
Luis E. Vigo

325th Comptroller Squadron

Richard S. Miller

2nd Fighter Squadron

Vincent C. Brown
Brenda L. Hamilton
Christopher Roethle
Graylin E. Small
Brent D. Stevens

325th Security Forces Squadron

Lonnie W. Crawford
John C. Kelley
John L. Riley
David G. Tubridy Jr.
Wallace C. Warren**
James R. Zelrick**

325th Civil Engineer Squadron

Richard L. Fleagle
Chad R. McCurdy

325th Maintenance Squadron

Dave V. Alberto
Joseph L. Badger
James R. Reagh**
Chad T. Sandmann
William S. Sikorski
Timothy E. Walker
Brian K. Warner

325th Communications Squadron

Ellis F. Baumer
Marlon B. Luna**
Cornelius Mursier**
David E. Shaw**
Frederick Spindler
Michael Whitehead

372nd Field Training Squadron

Scott S. Graham
Jerry C. Wade II

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Jerry W. Burks
Gregory W. Hall**
Gregory J. Harris**
Johnny D. Silcox
Zenaida Torrado
Scott R. Turner**

325th Operations Support

Squadron

Owen E. Abel**
Ralph E. Bruce
Beverly Dykstra
Kenneth F. Greene
Timothy W. Johnson
Howard A. Teesdale**
Tami D. Viskochil**

325th Contracting Squadron

Todd W. Annes
Christopher L. Pollitz
Kevin R. Warren

325th Medical Support Squadron

Orlando Guzman
Tammy McElroy
Leo Goudreault
Desiderio J. Jauregui

325th Medical Operations Squadron

Kim Griffin
David A. Johnson
James D. Melton

325th Aeromedical-Dental Squadron

Raquel Millan
Terry L. Patterson

325th Fighter Wing Det. 1 Corry Station

Tammi A. Rogers

95th Fighter Squadron

Douglas Dean
Kelly M. McCoy
Susan M. Preston
Anthony W. Rose
Stanley Rudzewicz
Stanley R. Wall

362nd Training Squadron

Glenn A. Glazebrook

82nd Aerial Targets Squadron

Jeffery Abernathy
Brian Rebo

83rd Fighter Weapons Squadron

Tammy Christoffers

53rd Weapons Evaluation Group

Robert P. Motz

Det. 1 823rd RED HORSE Squadron

Reginald B. Clement
James H.B. Presley
Jerry L. Wade

Det. 1 85th Test and Evaluation Squadron

Jacob Leos Jr.**
Mark A. Sandoval

16th Electronic Warfare Squadron

Gary E. George Jr.

Air Force Civil Engineer Support Agency

John C. Boyd Jr.**
Jody C. Root

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Forum lets families tell it like it is

Linda D. Kozaryn
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON (AFPN) — Despite all the top brass, the 100 military family members who came to the Pentagon for the first Defense Secretary's Military Family Forum definitely weren't shy.

They didn't hesitate to tell it like it is. Throughout the day-long forum May 31, the families spoke out on the issues that affect their daily lives. Active-duty and Reserve component service members and spouses alike said they need better housing, and they stressed that the Department of Defense urgently needs to fix TRICARE.

DOD policy makers encouraged the families to speak their minds. "We need to know from you what it is we can do

better," Defense Secretary William S. Cohen said. "This is not a media event. This is an opportunity for you to tell us exactly what you think and find ways we can improve our programs."

Three panels presented information on pay and compensation, financial stability, education, commissary and exchange benefits and other topics. Bernard Rostker, the DOD's new assistant defense secretary for personnel and readiness, then opened the floor to questions.

Service members and family members throughout the audience eagerly raised their hands to ask the DOD officials about pay changes, exchange services, uniform store hours, commissary benefits and much more. If the DOD officials couldn't answer a question on the spot, they promised to follow up.

When the agenda hit housing, the families' comments and questions became more personal.

"We live in government housing, and since October, my roof has leaked," an Army spouse said. "They've patched it, but the patches don't hold. I was promised a new roof in March, but I don't have it. At this point, they won't even return my calls anymore. I want to know what I can do to get that roof fixed."

One official told the woman to talk to her base engineers and installation commander. Rostker stepped in, saying he'd revert to his old hat as Army undersecretary and see what he could do. Before the day was over, Rostker reported to the group that base public works officials had already been out to the woman's house to deal with her leaky roof.

Randall A. Yim, deputy undersecretary of defense for installations, acknowledged housing is a major problem and gave an update on the situation. "Housing is not a benefit," he stressed. "Housing is an obligation. It's part of the deal when you signed up."

The services own and operate about 300,000 family quarters on bases worldwide that accommodate about one-third of the military's families. The average age of on-base housing is about 35 years, and the DOD itself calls two-thirds of it inadequate and in need of renovation or replacement. "Some places are black holes we put (temporary fixes) on," Yim said.

Improving housing is a top priority, Yim said. The department wants to have a strong military construction program and to partner with the private sector to leverage its housing dollars and provide housing quicker.

About two-thirds of the military's families live off base and receive basic allowance for housing. Members' out-of-pocket expense for off-base housing is about 19 percent. The DOD intends to reduce this to zero by 2005, Yim said.

When TRICARE took center stage, Mary Gerwin, assistant defense secretary for health affairs, said she'd been asked earlier that morning if she was going to attend wearing a bulletproof vest.

"The DOD is doing everything it can to make TRICARE a more consumer-friendly system," she said. Military people tend to rate the quality of the care they receive as high, she said, but access is a problem. There are long lines and long waits on the telephone to get appointments.

The DOD is working with hospitals and clinics to make sure there are enough appointments available, to lengthen clinic hours and to ensure doctors have enough support staff in their examining rooms so they can triage three or four patients at a time, Gerwin said.

"I've heard comments that doctors, nurses and other health professionals don't want to do business with TRICARE because they think it's too much of a hassle," Gerwin said. The DOD is trying to fix the claims system by simplifying forms and making payments faster. The DOD also is working to eliminate the co-pay required by civilian providers and to expand the program to retirees.

When the floor opened for questions,

an Air Force wife related her family's ongoing TRICARE nightmare. She said her 20-month-old son has had two open-heart surgeries in the last year and the family has gotten bills totaling \$50,000.

"My heart surgeon hasn't been paid in over a year," she said. She reported that claims have been repeatedly denied because of glitches on the forms and a variety of other reasons. TRICARE officials, she said, had been rude and unhelpful.

"These initiatives are too late," the wife told Gerwin. "Too many people have been damaged."

This statement drew resounding applause from the 99 other family members in the auditorium. Later that evening, at a dinner hosted by the Cohens, the woman said several DOD health-affairs representatives had promised to work on her case.

While housing and TRICARE topped family members' concerns, they also asked about other areas.

A Marine Corps wife said people would like to see less expensive children's clothing in the exchange. She said at her base, there's a mass exodus to Wal-Mart each weekend. She was advised to talk to her installation commander and the base exchange officer, who are responsible for tailoring the store's stock to community needs.

An Air Force wife asked if the commissary could offer more generic brands instead of expensive name brands. Maj. Gen. Robert J. Courter Jr., Defense Commissary Agency director, told her his agency is instituting a Best Values Program, where national brands must beat the price of private brands. Within the next month, he said, commissaries will identify which national brands beat all the competitors.

At a press conference following the close of the forum, Staff Sgt. Joseph Berryhill of Offutt AFB, Neb., and Kelli Kirwan, wife of Marine Corps Gunnery Sgt. Charles Kirwan, assigned to Camp Pendleton, Calif., summed up the day's program.

"When I found out I was coming here, I thought there might be a lot of lip service, that this was just for the press," Berryhill said. "All we have seen today is the sincere opportunity to bring forth all issues, from all services, that will make the quality of life for all DOD employees better."



Lisa Carroll

A final farewell

Col. James H. Foster, former 325th Medical Group commander, and his family bid a final farewell to Team Tyndall. Foster retired from the Air Force June 2 after 29 years of service. Family members include from left to right: son Jason, wife Jean, and daughters Jamie and Jessica.

Enlisted Corps inducts Newton as honorary chief master sergeant

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AETCNS) — Air Education and Training Command chief master sergeants honored Gen. Lloyd “Fig” Newton, AETC commander, by swearing him in as an honorary chief master sergeant during a recent ceremony at Randolph AFB, Texas.

Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Jim Finch and the Randolph Chiefs’ group presented Newton with chief master sergeant stripes and an elaborate Native American headdress honoring his loyalty to enlisted people.

Newton, who retires Aug. 1 after 34 years in the Air Force, has been known for championing quality-of-life and airmen issues since taking the helm of the “First Command” in the spring of 1997. “Without a doubt, General Newton respects what the enlisted member does for this command,” said Chief Master Sgt. Bill Milligan, AETC command chief master sergeant. “Even more importantly, he admires what the enlisted corps does on a daily basis to make our Air Force the best trained military in the world.”

With less than a month left before his retirement ceremony, Newton summed up the honor as simply “awesome.”

“During my career, I have been fortunate enough to receive many awards and honors,” Newton said. “However, none of them match the honor of receiving the Order of the Sword and being inducted as an honorary chief.”

Last year, the enlisted corps inducted Newton into the AETC Order of the Sword — an ancient ceremony conducted by NCOs to honor their greatest officer-warriors and civilian equals who made significant contributions to the enlisted corps.

“The prestige of the history and meaning of these events drive a sense of pride that is second to

none,” Newton said. “Elouise and I offer our deepest gratitude and sincere thanks to all of the enlisted men and women of Air Education and Training Command and the Air Force for this high honor. We have served our Air Force and the nation as a team and, therefore, both of us will treasure this moment as one of the greatest honors in my career.”



Courtesy photo

Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force Jim Finch, left, and Chief Master Sgt. Bill Milligan, Air Education and Training Command command chief master sergeant, right, present Gen. Lloyd W. “Fig” Newton a memento of his induction as an honorary chief master sergeant during a recent ceremony at Randolph AFB, Texas. Finch and the Randolph Chiefs’ Group presented Newton with chief master sergeant stripes and an elaborate Native American headdress honoring his loyalty to enlisted people.

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ensemble, Steel Breeze; and Tyndall’s own alternative rock group, Biscuits and Groovy.

The only break in the music will be for the \$10,000 fireworks show at 9:00 p.m., Geil said. “Look for a stunning display of fireworks, with plenty of aerial bursts.”

Those concerned about Florida’s drought conditions need not worry about the fireworks display, Geil said. “Since we use the sand-spit extension off of Shell Island for our fireworks, and send them up over the bay, we don’t fall under the state’s proposed fireworks ban.

Throughout the evening, carnival-style booths will feature special activities, including two dunking booths, a speed-ball cage with radar timing, children’s bingo with prizes, a Moonwalk ride, a jail booth, a theme photo booth, children’s games, clowns and balloon shaping. “Also, look for magician Carlos Hampton on

the pavilion stage at 7 p.m.,” Geil said.

A variety of foods will be available at the 18 booths sponsored by Tyndall’s many squadron booster clubs, including chicken shishkebabs, rib sandwiches, nachos, Italian sausage sandwiches, hot dogs, hamburgers, snowcones, funnel cakes, cotton candy and boiled peanuts.

“Heritage Day is a way for base officials and the 325th Services Squadron to honor our independence while at the same time saying thank you to the men and women of the armed forces and all of Bay County for their continued support,” said Maj. Neil T. Sauve, 325th Services Squadron commander. “I’m very proud of the hard work put into ensuring these Heritage Day celebrations are a success. We’ll have a bit of fun for everyone.”

There will be an hourly shuttle bus running from the Tyndall Youth Center to Heritage Park at 15 minutes after the hour, starting at 3:15 p.m. and running until 8:15 p.m. The return shuttle will run every 15 minutes, from 9:15 – 10:30 p.m.

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Fatalities	0	0	0
DUIs	3	5	-2



Commander's corner:

Tyndall tech, master selects, Tops in Blue take center stage

Brig. Gen. Walter E. Buchanan III
325th Fighter Wing commander

This is another big week for *Team Tyndall*. Yesterday, we had the honor of notifying 91 tech-selects and 99 master-selects of their promotion. I want to personally congratulate each and every one of you on your achievement. Promotion to the next higher grade is an affirmation of hard work and dedication with an opportunity to take on new challenges. It's an exciting time to be a member of our Air Force, and I know all of you are ready to meet the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead.

As many of you have probably noticed, this year's promotion increments were larger than normal — due in large part to vacancies within each grade. This presents a great opportunity to those who are ready to “go the extra mile” on the job and in preparation for promotion tests. With any promotion list, there are people who don't receive good news. To you, we offer our full support and encourage you to stay with it, because next year promises to offer great opportunity for promotion as well.

Later this month we have

another headline event scheduled — *Tops in Blue* is coming back to town! They will be performing 7:30 p.m. June 27 at the **Marina Civic Center**. If you've never seen *Tops in Blue*, I'd encourage you to take your family and check out the show — the performers have been selected from an Air Force-wide talent search, and they put on a show that is in truth — professional! Admission is free. Tickets will be available at the community activities center on base and at the Marina Civic Center box office downtown beginning 10 a.m. June 23. For more information, call the community activities center at 283-2495.

Finally, a note of caution — summer's begun, and young people are out of school for the next couple of months. You'll see a lot more of them around the base, down at the beach and around town, and we all need to take a little extra time to make sure we keep them safe. Watch your speed limits around base and around town, and keep an eye out for young people who are getting carried away with summer fun — we want this summer to be a memorable one for all the right reasons.

Have a great Air Force week!

Is your family care plan up-to-date? Don't wait until it's too late, be prepared

Senior Master Sgt. Tommy Kirk
95th Fighter Squadron
first sergeant

Air Force directives mandate that all single parents and joint-military couples with dependents have a prearranged plan available to ensure dependents are cared for in their absence. This plan is designed to allow each member to be worldwide available at all times for immediate performance of

military duties including: short notice or no-notice deployments, alerts, recalls, extended duty hours, permanent change of station, temporary duty assignments and any unaccompanied tours of duty.

The objective of AF Instruction 36-2908 is to ensure you will have “peace of mind” knowing that your dependents will be cared for and receive the benefits they are entitled to if you

are tasked for worldwide deployment.

If you are already enrolled in a Family Care Program, please review your current Air Force Form 357 or Powers of Attorney to ensure they are up to date. Information regarding designees, (short and long term) must be current on all forms. If there are any changes to the form or you have selected a new designee, you are required to obtain the new designee's signature before certification can be approved. Remember, all recertifi-

cations are required annually. Keep in mind that most powers of attorney need to be re-accomplished after one year.

Military members entering the program for the first time who have not received an initial briefing should call their first sergeants as soon as possible.

Advanced planning is the key to success in this critical program. Remember your “peace of mind” and your dependents' well-being is of prime importance to you and the Air Force.

Action Line



Master Sgt. Rob Fuller

Airman 1st Class Darrell Gary, Tyndall Honor Guard member, demonstrates a flag-folding technique to Brig. Gen. Buck Buchanan, 325th Fighter Wing commander, during honor guard practice.

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Brig. Gen. Walter E. Buchanan III
325th Fighter Wing
commander



Joint Vision 2020 emphasizes full-spectrum dominance

Key to long-term goal is to invest in, develop new military capabilities utilizing total-force concepts

Jim Garamone
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON (AFPN) — “Full-spectrum dominance” is the key term in “Joint Vision 2020,” the blueprint the DOD will follow in the future.

Joint Vision 2020, released May 30 and signed by the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Army Gen. Henry Shelton, extends the concept laid out in Joint Vision 2010. Some things will not change. The mission of the U.S. military today and tomorrow is to fight and win the nation’s wars. How the DOD goes about doing this is Joint Vision 2020’s focus.

Full-spectrum dominance means the ability of U.S. forces, operating alone or with allies, to defeat any adversary and control any situation across the range of military operations.

While full-spectrum dominance is the goal, the way to get there is to “invest in and develop new military capabilities.” The four capabilities at the heart of full-spectrum dominance are dominant maneuver, precision engagement, focused logistics and full-

dimensional protection.

These four capabilities need the full capabilities of the total force. “To build the most effective force for 2020, we must be fully joint: intellectually, operationally, organizationally, doctrinally and technically,” according to the report.

New equipment and technological innovation are important, but more important is having trained people who understand and can exploit these new technologies, according to the report.

The joint force must win over the full range of conflict, be prepared to work with allies and cooperate with other U.S. and international agencies. Adversaries will not stand still. They too have access to many cutting-edge developments in information technology.

“We should not expect opponents in 2020 to fight with strictly ‘industrial age’ tools,” the report states. “Our advantage must ... come from leaders, people, doctrine,

The four capabilities at the heart of full-spectrum dominance are dominant maneuver, precision engagement, focused logistics and full-dimensional protection.

organizations and training that enable us to take advantage of technology to achieve superior warfighting effectiveness.”

Adversaries will probably not challenge U.S. strengths, but seek to attack the United States and its interests through “asymmetric means.” They could identify vulnerable areas and devise means to attack them.

“The potential of such asymmetric approaches is perhaps the most serious danger the United States faces in the immediate future — and this danger includes long-range ballistic missiles and other direct threats to U.S. citizens and territory,” the report states.

Joint Vision 2020 addresses full-spectrum dominance across the range of conflicts from nuclear war to major theater wars to smaller-scale contingencies. It also addresses amorphous situations like peacekeeping and noncombat humanitarian relief. Key to U.S. dominance in any conflict will be what the chairman calls “decision superiority” — translating information superiority into better decisions arrived at and implemented faster than an enemy can react.

The development of a global information grid will provide the environment for decision superiority.

Innovation has always been a hallmark of the American military. In 2020, this native American talent will be even more important.

“The services and combatant commands must allow our highly trained and skilled professionals the opportunity to create new concepts and ideas that may lead to future breakthroughs,” according to the report. Inherent in this statement is the commitment to not penalize service members if their innovations do not work.

“An experimentation process with low tolerance for error makes it unlikely that the force will identify and nurture the most relevant and productive aspects of new concepts, capabilities and technologies,” the report states.

Normally applied to communications and materiel, “interoperability” in the military became a catchword in the 1970s, when it became apparent that many of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization allies could not operate with each other. Joint Vision 2020 expands the term to include the development of joint doctrine and information sharing.

Joint Vision 2020 is a blueprint. While many of its facets could come true, not all will. Changes in the world or changes in America may render some points moot. Joint Vision 2020 carries on some of the recommendations to transform the U.S. military from Joint Vision 2010. Other portions of 2010 are gone or changed.



Courtesy of the F-22 photo team

Flying high

F-22 Raptor 4002 resumed flight testing Monday at Edwards AFB, Calif., following several weeks of ground-based maintenance and logistics testing. The Raptor returned from the 50+ minute flight ‘Code One’ and was ready for flight again on Tuesday. To date, the F-22 Raptor test program has accumulated over 625 flight hours. The Raptor is scheduled to come to Tyndall in Fiscal 2003.



Non-federal entities

Ensure off-duty interests don't conflict with the Air Force; know what you can, cannot participate in

1st Lt. Miranda Turner
*325th Fighter Wing
legal office*

Air Force employees commonly participate in non-federal entities such as school boards, professional associations and charities in their off-duty time. However, this participation can sometimes cause a conflict of interest with the employee's official duties so it's important to know what kinds of participation in non-federal entities are appropriate, and what actions could create possible conflicts of interest.

First, it is important to understand what a non-federal entity is. Basically, a non-federal entity is any person or organization that is not part of the United States Government. Private businesses, civic organizations, church groups, charities, professional groups and clubs are all non-federal entities.

Air Force members may become members of and participate in the management of non-federal entities provided that they do not act within the scope of their official position in doing so. Air Force members may not serve as officers, members of a board of directors, or in any similar position in a non-federal entity if the position was offered to them because of their position with the Air Force (there are exceptions for certain service-related charities and associations).

Additionally, Air Force employees are generally prohibited from engaging in any official activities in which a non-federal entity is a party or has a financial interest if the Air Force employee is an active participant in the non-federal entity or served as an officer or director within the last year.

How do you know if you are engaging in a prohibited activity with a non-federal entity? It may be difficult to determine, and if you are unsure if your conduct violates applicable ethics rules you should consult an ethics counselor.

However, adhering to some simple guidelines can eliminate a lot of confusion and accidental

violations.

If you are an Air Force member or civilian employee and you are serving as an officer, director, trustee, general partner or employee of a non-federal entity, you may not directly and substantially participate in any decision, make any recommendation or advise another Air Force member performing their official duties to take any action or make any recommendation that will benefit the non-federal entity you are associated with in any significant way.

Although it is not always easy to determine whether an action constitutes "direct and substantial participation" or if an action would have a predictable effect

on a non-federal organization, you should ask yourself if your action could give an observer the impression that you are allowing your personal relationship

with the non-federal entity to influence your decision making. If so, then your participation in the official matter is probably prohibited. Remember, the reason for the law is to ensure that government employees who make decisions, or provide advice or recommendations regarding those decisions, act solely in the interests of the government and not in the interests of an outside organization.

There are five other situations that commonly create conflicts, although they do not cause a conflict in every circumstance.

First, a person has a possible conflict if they have government duties involving a non-federal entity, and also has, or is seeking, any type of financial relationship with that entity. For example, an employee may have a conflict if they are required to perform duties involving a non-federal entity that is a customer of their off-duty business, or if they are seeking employment

with the non-federal entity.

Second, an employee also may have a conflict if they have duties involving a non-federal entity and are an active participant where their involvement in the non-federal entity encompasses something more than just paying dues. It includes serving as a committee chairperson, adviser, spokesperson or in any similar position, even if the actual duties are minimal. For instance, someone who actively participates in meetings and events sponsored by their professional association may have a conflict if asked to participate in making a decision involving that association as part of their official duties.

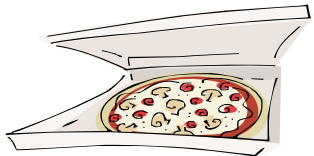
Third, an employee may have a conflict if they have government duties involving a non-federal entity and they served as an officer, director, trustee, general partner, employee, agent, attorney, consultant or contractor for that company within the last year.

Fourth, there may be a conflict if the employee's spouse, parent, or dependent child currently serves as an officer, director, trustee, general partner, employee, agent, attorney, consultant or contractor in a non-federal entity that the employee deals with as part of their official duties.

Finally, there is a possible conflict in any other situation where the employee's personal connection or relationship with the non-federal entity could create the impression of favoritism or partiality if they were to participate in a government matter affecting the non-Federal entity.

For more information and any questions about conflicts of interest and participation in a non-federal entity, call a legal office ethic counselor, at 283-4681.

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Monday and Thursday**

All you can eat pizza buffet
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GOOD FOOD, GOOD COMPANY, GOOD TIME

Feature

Tyndall's Bonita Bay is here for you and your family. Summer is fun time

2nd Lt. Michael J. Adams
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public affairs*

Sunshine, water sports and picnic fun, Tyndall's Bonita Bay has it all, and with summer here, Tyndall's year-round family sports facility is gearing up for its busiest season. Located just over the Dupont Bridge, on the base side of U.S. Highway 98, Bonita Bay is one of Tyndall's principal family resources. "We have the park area, a marina, a newly renovated archery range, riding stables, a ropes course and extensive equipment rentals," said Cindy Workman, 325th Services Squadron outdoor recreation program director. "In order to help Team Tyndall utilize those resources, we offer many classes and activities."

This summer has been our busiest season in many years, Workman said. "We think the strong response this summer shows that Team Tyndall members know they can count on us to provide outdoor family fun," Workman said. "We are constantly looking for new ways to involve Team Tyndall members because this is our way of giving back."

This customer service can-do attitude seems to be well received. Returning from his first kayak ride at Bonita Bay, Senior Airman Casey Wyman, 325th Training Squadron weapons simulation technician said, "Having just arrived here, I had no idea what to expect, but the kayaks are great, the scenery is stunning and it's definitely affordable."

In addition to the natural beauty of Bonita Bay, the facility's success stems from the staff's drive for innovation. "We're offering more programs than ever," Workman said. "We have two new 17-foot Cape Horn powerboats and we now offer horseback riding lessons with a private instructor."

Bonita Bay also has something for the underwater enthusiast. "One of our best resources is the dive program," Workman said. "We've contracted with White Lightning, a local dive company, to provide custom excursions for Team Tyndall members with open water certification. They're very flexible and design each dive around the individual groups."

Bonita Bay has also been busy planning events for Tyndall's

younger members. "We have coordinated with the American Red Cross to offer children's swim lessons at the Tyndall pool this summer," Workman said. "The two-week classes for infants, toddlers and children of all ages have been extremely popular so far, but registration is still open for the three upcoming classes."

And then there are the boats. "Bonita Bay has five different varieties of sailboats, kayaks, pontoon boats, and of course, motor boats," Workman said. "Completion of a one-time, safe-boating course is required for all renters. The course can be taken any time the marina is open, but the mandatory check-ride portion can only be taken on Mondays and Fridays."

In addition to the required course, Bonita Bay offers several boating classes, including sailing and windsurfing classes on alternating weekends and monthly kayaking classes through October. "Our day-long classes are a great bargain. We've got top local instructors coming on base to teach at better rates than you'll find anywhere," Workman said.

But be sure to call ahead, Workman said. "We've been filling up our sailing classes every weekend, and our first session of swim classes was filled within the first week of registration," she said.

Another of the facility's strengths is its special programs and events. "This summer we are offering retirees half-price boat rentals on Mondays, and we are planning a Firecracker Cruise during both Heritage Day (July 3rd) and Panama City's 4th of July festivities," Workman said.

Despite the strength of Bonita Bay's water sports, the facility has a lot to offer on land too. Bonita Bay provides unequaled picnic spots, with six family-sized pavilions and another, much larger pavilion available for special occasions and weekend rentals. And if they don't have it, they can help you find it. "We've got a lot of resources in the Panama City area, so if we can't provide a service, we're certain to know who can," Workman said.

For more information about Bonita Bay programs, call Cindy Workman, 325th Services Squadron outdoor recreation program director, 283-3199.



nd your family



2nd Lt. Michael J. Adams

Above left: Andrew Santoro, son of Mike Santoro, Air Force Civil Engineer Support Agency electrical engineer, lifts a student out of the water during his swim class at the Tyndall swimming pool.

Above right: From left to right; Eddie Novarez, Terell Oates and Kenny Rainelli, having some fun snorkeling.



Staff Sgt. Mona Ferrell



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Above: Tara Caudill prepares to hit a volleyball over the net at Bonita Bay.



Staff Sgt. Mona Ferrell

Above: Senior Airman Jennifer Falk, 95th Fighter Squadron commander support staff, spends some quality time with her 1 and one-half year old son Liam.
Far left: Staff Sgt. Dean Gracey, 325th Operations Support Squadron air traffic controller, helps his 8-year-old son D.J., 'battle' Florida's winds.

Making a difference

The ultimate gift:Parents give daughter gift of life

Staff Sgt. Alexandra Mace
1st Fighter Wing
public affairs

LANGLEY AIR FORCE BASE, Va. (AFPN) — Two and one-half months ago, Lori Evans could barely breathe. Today, she is breathing a little easier because her parents gave her one of the most ultimate gifts of love — a part of themselves.

Sheryl Evans, 1st Transportation Squadron traffic management office counselor from Langley AFB, Va., and her husband David, Norfolk Armed Forces Staff College computer specialist, participated in a rare transplant, giving their daughter a lobe of their lungs.

They recently returned from Duke medical center in Durham, N.C., where they participated in a Living Lobar operation.

Lori, who is 19 years old, has Cystic Fibrosis, a disease that affects the lungs and digestive system. In October, her condition became worse and she was placed on the national lung transplant register.

Doctors told the family they would have to wait for about 18 to 24 months for lungs, Sheryl said. But, Lori's lungs became so diseased, doctors said she wouldn't make it another six months. Her parents decided waiting for a cadaver donor was too risky.

"When the doctors discussed the option that we give one of our lobes, we didn't think twice about doing it," Sheryl said.

Sheryl and David were tested and evaluated to determine if their lungs would be compatible inside Lori — they were. Tests also included those on ethical considerations, Sheryl said.

Only about 100 Living Lobar

operations have been performed world-wide, said Dr. Duane Davis, Duke Medical Center cardiothoracic surgery chief, who performed the surgery on Lori.

Because this procedure is still new, Sheryl said, there are many ethical questions about the procedure — one being that it could endanger three lives.

"Doctors wanted us to make sure we were comfortable doing this," Sheryl said. "But, when you're told your daughter doesn't have much longer to live, you just do what you have to."

They prayed and remained optimistic about the surgery which was set for Feb. 18, she said.

The surgery required coordination between three surgical teams. One team removed a lobe from David's right lung, while another team removed a lobe from Sheryl's left

lung. At the same time, Lori was undergoing surgery to receive them, her father said.

The lobes were taken to Lori's operating room where a third team of surgeons removed her diseased lungs and implanted her parent's lobes that became her permanent lungs, he said.

The two lobes Lori received don't fill up her chest cavity because they aren't a full set of lungs, but they'll spread, Sheryl said.

A person can gain up to 70 percent of normal lung capacity within a year after this surgery, Davis said.

After the surgery, the family remained at Duke for Lori's rehabilitation. Sheryl and David had to rehabilitate too. They both lost about 15 percent of their lung capacity from the operation, Davis said. He said most people don't experience any appreciable difference in respiratory function, but they will never be able to

run a marathon. Sheryl said she's finally getting used to breathing normally, and the whole family intends to start a workout program to increase their lung capacity.

"I just enjoy watching Lori breathe easier now, and watching her catch up on all the things she's missed," Sheryl said. "I can't remember seeing her breathe this good."

Lori agreed with her mother. "I can take full breaths now. I've been short of breath for a long time," she said. "I feel free — I don't have any tubes in me. I've had medical complications and foreign tubes in my body for so long. And now, I don't need them. I can't thank my parents enough for saving my life."

The family said they are glad to be back to their normal lives. Lori will be attending Tidewater Community College in the fall and has a fiancé. Sheryl went back to work May 22.

Hurlburt Field airmen build new schoolhouse for Jamaican girls' home

2nd Lt. Travis B. Tougaw
Joint Task Force BOLD VENTURE
public affairs

MONEAGUE, Jamaica (AFPN) —The 100-year-old hotel-turned-girls' home sits atop a tall hill in St. Ann's Bay, looking out over the ocean. Fifty orphaned, abandoned or abused girls, age 12 to 18, currently reside in the building, known as the Windsor Home for Girls. Adjacent to the home was a dilapidated building serving as a school for the girls.

By mid-August, the girls will have a new nine-room, two-story schoolhouse to study in, courtesy of the 823rd RED HORSE Squadron from Hurlburt Field.

The squadron began work on the building May 17 as part of Exercise New Horizons 2000. Their first step was to tear down the existing schoolhouse portion of the complex, which was in dire need of renovation, said Eunice Scott-Shaw, Windsor Home for Girls school's superintendent. Much of the school was not usable because structural problems rendered it unsafe for the girls, she added.

"For years we have been trying to get the place fixed, and we didn't know how we'd get it done," she said.

Her wish for a new building will soon come true. The RED HORSE crews have already placed the foundation and have begun laying the concrete block for the exterior walls.

Although the site's location at the top of a steep

hill creates logistical challenges for getting supplies and equipment in the right place, the construction crew members say they're excited about what they're doing.

"You couldn't ask for anything more," said Senior Airman Richard Quinones, 823rd RED HORSE structural journeyman. "The view is awesome, the country is beautiful, the people are nice and it's good work."

"This is going to be the best-looking facility on this hill," said Tech. Sgt. Patrick Armstrong, 823rd RED HORSE project manager. "It will increase their education potential; we're doubling the size of what they had."

The building also creates a learning opportunity for the RED HORSE members deployed to Jamaica.

"This is the first TDY for a number of our guys, so they're learning tent life and the differences between stateside projects and overseas projects," said Staff Sgt. Kenny Edwards, 823rd RED HORSE structures crew leader. "They get to build a building from the ground up and see how masonry, sheet metals and carpentry fit together as a whole."

The more experienced squadron members lend a hand in training the newer members, said Staff Sgt. Alex Batten. "Those of us who have been around and know our jobs are able to pass that knowledge down," he said. "With the scope of our work, it's hard for a younger guy to pick right up on it; there's so much to construction you can't expect them to learn everything right away. But, they're

doing a good job with what we're teaching them."

Because RED HORSE doesn't build many two-story buildings, this project is good training even for the people who've been with the squadron for a while, Edwards said.

However, while this is a training mission, the crew hasn't lost sight of the good they're doing for the Windsor Girls Home.

"It makes me feel good to know that I had a part in something that's going to benefit someone else," Batten said. "It makes me feel good that someone's going to benefit from what we accomplished."

This sense of accomplishment is going to be felt throughout the squadron, Edwards said. "When we finish we can say, 'Yeah, we did that. We gave them something good,'" he said.



Airman 1st Class John Rubendall, 823rd RED HORSE Squadron crewworker, Hurlburt Field, cuts block during the schoolhouse construction.

Know how to protect yourself, your children from the sun’s rays

Prior planning is the key to preventing skin cancer

Maj. Patricia A. Caple
325th Medical Group
director of health care
integrated services

Making sure your children eat right and get enough sleep takes care of their inside. But their outside needs special care, too. It’s important to protect their skin from the damaging effects of the sun. No matter what they’re doing, or what time of year it is, if they’re outside, they need to be protected — every day.

As a parent, it’s up to you to set a good example. Your attitude and behavior toward sun protection is very important. Building safe sun

habits into your family’s daily routine is easier than you think. Children will respond better when they understand why skin protection is important. Begin by teaching them some easy and safe sun habits.

First, know the facts. Research shows a link between sunburns in children and an increased risk of melanoma and skin cancer later in life.

Protecting skin from the sun during childhood and adolescence is very important in reducing the risk of skin cancer as an adult. It’s estimated that about 80 percent of skin cancers could be prevented by protecting skin from the sun’s rays.

In addition, remember that the sun’s rays are generally strongest from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. So, it’s best to plan outdoor activities so as not to be in the sun during the middle of the day. When your kids are outdoors, be sure their skin is protected. Ultraviolet rays reflect off water, sand, snow and any light-colored surface, like concrete. UV rays also reach below

the water’s surface.

Hats are also good for use in the sun. Have fun choosing hats and shirts with your kids. Hats should shade their faces, necks and ears. When it comes to clothes, choose shirts and slacks made of tightly woven fabrics that you can’t see through when held up to light. Dark colors provide more protection than light, since they prevent more UV rays from reaching the skin.

Of course most importantly, apply sunscreen every day on skin that is not protected by clothing or a hat. Choose a sunscreen with a 15 Sun Protection Factor or higher. For total block and a really cool look, try zinc oxide. It can be applied to sensitive areas like the nose, ears, cheeks and shoulders. Important: Sunscreen is not recommended for children less than 6 months old. Keep them covered and in the shade.

Taking these steps will not only ensure your children don’t end up with a painful sunburn, but will also reduce their risk of skin cancer later in life.

Board to select pilots, navigators

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AFPN) — The next Undergraduate Flying Training Selection Board will convene at the Air Force Personnel Center Oct. 24. This selection board will review applications for both pilot and navigator training.

Those officers with a date of birth after April 1, 1971 and total active federal commissioned service date after April 1, 1996 who meet all eligibility criteria outlined in Air Force Instruction 36-2205 and Interim Change 99-1, will be eligible to apply for UFT. Applicants must send applications postmarked no later than Sept. 8 to HQ AFPC/DPAOT3, 550 C Street West, Suite 31, Randolph AFB, TX 78150-4733.

The selection board will not consider UFT applications with incomplete or no physical exams or those postmarked after Sept. 8. Applicants should advise commanders and supervisors providing Air Force Form

215 comments of the application deadline, AFPC officials said.

“It is the member’s responsibility to ensure the Air Force officer selection record containing all officer performance reports, training reports, awards and decorations is current and up-to-date prior to this selection board,” officials added.

Initial Flying Class 1/1A physicals are valid for three years from the date of exam. “For those applicants who require new physicals, we recommend the appropriate physical examination be scheduled immediately and be included with the application,” officials said. “Late or incomplete physical submissions will not be considered.”

All applicants who will compete for pilot training must also complete the Basic Attributes Test by Sept. 8.

For more information on application procedures, call personnel relocations, 283-2244.

Spotlight



Staff Sgt. Mona Ferrell

Airman 1st Class Dorothy E. Manley

Squadron: 81st Test Support Squadron
Job title: Weapons director technician
Years at Tyndall: Two
Years in Air Force: Two
Hometown: Plattsburgh, N.Y.
Short term goals: To complete some college courses.
Long term goals: Finish college and receive a bachelor’s degree in Psychology.
Favorite book: “Scarlet”
Favorite movie: “Gone with the Wind”
Hobbies and off-duty activities: Reading and hanging out at the beach.



Every member of Team Tyndall is valuable. Play it safe, don’t become a statistic.

**Your link
to what's going on**

Gulf Guide

**in the
Tyndall community**

JUNE

FRI 9

Cable installation

General Dynamics is installing a fiber-optic cable and manhole system along Suwannee Avenue and Mississippi Avenue. There should not be any significant traffic or parking inconveniences during the installation. For more information, call Master Sgt. Bobby Acker, 283-3214.

AFROTC schedule

The Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps' first encampment has arrived at Tyndall and will remain here until July 5. The second encampment will arrive July 6 and remain until Aug. 11. The cadet dining hours at Tyndall's Berg Liles dining facility will be: breakfast, 6-7:12 a.m.; lunch, 11:20 a.m.-12:52 p.m.; and dinner, 4:20-5:32 p.m.

Women veterans' benefits briefing

A women veterans' benefits briefing is 9-11 a.m. today in the community activities center. The seminar will provide information on Veteran Affairs services available to women with emphasis on health care. For more information or reservations, call the family support center, 283-4205.

MON 12

Power outage

There will be a power outage 9-10 a.m. Monday affecting the following Tyndall base housing areas: Sabre Drive west from Falcon Drive to Eagle Drive; all houses on Delta Avenue, Dart Avenue and Thunderchief Road and 2842-2848 Phantom Street. For more information, call the 325th Civil Engineer Squadron customer service office, 283-4949.

TUE 13

Water main flushing

The 325th Civil Engineer Squadron will be flushing water mains Tuesday, affecting family housing occupants residing from 3166 to 3183 Voodoo Drive. Water will be shut off periodically throughout the day. Occupants may experience discolored water for several days, and it is recommended that white clothing not be washed until the water is clear again. For more information, call the 325th Civil Engineer Squadron customer service office, 283-4949.

WED 14

NCO Association meeting

A Noncommissioned Officers' Association meeting will be 11:30 a.m. Wednesday in the NCO Academy auditorium. For more information, call Staff Sgt. Robert Barnett, 283-8734.

THU 15

Navigation course

The Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 16's navigation by global positioning system course will be 7-9 p.m. Thursday in Room 231 of Gulf Coast Community College's Student Union East building. The cost of the course is \$12 for materials. Registration and payment will be 6:30 p.m. before the class. For more information, call Paul Sutliff, 271-0650 or visit the Flotilla web site at: www.gctr.com/flot1_6.html.

Command chief position

An opening exists for command chief master sergeant for Headquarters Air Intelligence Agency, Randolph AFB, Texas. The reporting date is Oct. 15. Chief master sergeants interested in applying can send their application package to: Headquarters AIA/CCC, Attention: Chief Master Sgt. David Hill, 2 Hall Blvd., Ste. 201, Kelly AFB, Texas 78243-7009. The package has to arrive no later than Thursday. For more information and application package requirements, call Chief Master Sgt. David Hill, DSN 969-2063.

FRI 16

Resume workshop

A resume workshop will be 8-10 a.m. June 16 in the family support center classroom. Assistance will be given in resume preparation and production. For more information, call the family support center, 283-4205.

WED 21

Careers in aviation

A class focusing on careers in aviation will be 1:30-3:30 p.m. June 21 in the family support center classroom. Topics will include accessing the job market and resume writing. For reservations or more information, call the family support center, 283-4205.

THU 22

Veterans' briefing

A briefing on veterans' benefits and TRICARE services will be 8-11 a.m. June 22. The program will provide Air Force members transitioning out of the military with information about veterans' benefits, TRICARE services and what to expect when leaving active-duty service. For more information and reservations, call the family support center, 283-4205.

NOTES

Project officer needed

A project officer is needed for planning a Hispanic Heritage Month celebration scheduled to be held Sept. 15-Oct. 15. Interested military or civilian employees are encouraged to apply by Aug. 5 at the military equal opportunity office. For more information, call Staff Sgt. Darryll Woodson, 283-2739.

Summer recess

Catholic Religious Education, Protestant Sunday School and the Kid's Club are in recess for the summer.

Swimming pool open

The Tyndall swimming pool is now open for the summer to authorized users. Current lap swimming hours are 11-11:30 a.m. Wednesday-Sunday, and open swimming is from 11:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m. Family passes are available, or punch cards can be purchased. For more information, call 283-4315.

Thrift shop consignments

Military members and families with Permanent Change of Station orders in or out of Tyndall may consign up to 80 items one time with an appointment. Twenty of these items may be clothes. For more information, call the thrift shop, 286-5888.

RETIREE NEWS

Keeping informed

It is essential that retirees keep informed about pending legislation or policy changes that will have a direct impact on things of importance, such as health care, the Survivor Benefit Plan and veterans' benefits. Your parent service sends you periodic updates if your address is correct with the Defense Finance and Accounting Service. Remember, only the DFAS can change your correspondence address. The Tyndall Retiree Activities Office cannot do it.

Another good source of information is through membership in one of the military organizations, such as the Air Force Association, The Retired Officers' Association and the Noncommissioned Officers' Association. Each has a publication containing the latest legislative proposals. It is more effective to be proactive than reactive when there is the possibility of a loss or disadvantageous change to a particular benefit about to take place.

By staying informed and taking proper action, such as registering to vote, discussing issues with your elected representatives and going to the polls on election day, your benefits have a better chance of surviving in the current political climate in which national priorities are set.

YARD SALES

The following yard sales are scheduled for Saturday: 3127-B Dagger Drive, 2744-B Eagle Drive, 2983-B Starfighter Ave. and 25-B Victory Circle. All yard sales are held between 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

BASE THEATER

Today: "U-571" (PG-13, war violence, 110 min.)

Saturday: "U-571"

Sunday: "Love and Basketball" (PG-13, sexuality and language, 118 min.)

Thursday: "Love and Basketball"

BERG-LILES DINING FACILITY

Today

Lunch: beef fajitas, barbecued spareribs, roasted turkey
Dinner: grilled pork chops, chicken jambalaya, steak smothered in onions

Saturday

Lunch: simmered Polish sausage, fried chicken, grilled tenderloin steak
Dinner: mostaccioli with basil sauce, stir-fry beef with broccoli, golden-fried fish

Sunday

Lunch: steak ranchero, pork chop suey, pita pizzas
Dinner: hamburger yakisoba, fish and chips, roasted turkey

Monday

Lunch: barbecued ham steak, cheese manicotti, ginger-basted sole
Dinner: spaghetti with meat sauce, herb-baked chicken, ginger pork

Tuesday

Lunch: Zulas' spinach-cheese biscuit wrap, turkey enchiladas, pork chops with mushroom gravy
Dinner: pepper steak, southern-fried chicken, fish almonidine

Wednesday

Lunch: jambalaya, barbecued pork loin, Creole chicken
Dinner: baked tuna and noodles, Mr. Z's finger-lickin' baked chicken, roasted fresh ham

Thursday

Lunch: beef pot pie with biscuit topping, orange-spiced pork chops, lime-cilantro sole
Dinner: pineapple chicken, stuffed cabbage rolls, roasted beef

Menus are subject to change.

Don't let summer road trips give you a headache; travel safe

Tech. Sgt. Vincent C. Dotson
325th Fighter Wing
safety office

A summer vacation trip is supposed to be an enjoyable experience, an opportunity for rest and relaxation. The upcoming Fourth of July holiday will be a peak period for travel. Anyone traveling will face increased exposure to the hazards of the highway.

A well-planned, well-executed road trip can be a great way for you and your family to enjoy a vacation. It can be educational as well as fun. But the key phrases here are "well-planned and well executed."

The following tips will help make your vacation memories happy ones for you and your family.

●**Prepare your car.** Take your

car in for a complete maintenance checkup before embarking on a road trip, or at least crawl under the hood yourself and check things out.

●**Pack the car.** When you pack your car, don't obstruct your ability to see out any window. Consider investing in a roof-mounted luggage carrier, and don't overload the vehicle with unnecessary baggage.

●**Expect the unexpected.** Even if you're an expert driver, unexpected events such as a tire blowout at high speed can ruin your day. A lapse of attention on your part, no matter how short, can cause a mishap.

●**Control your emotions.** Don't let other drivers, or passengers in your car, get you hot under

the collar. Remember the trip was supposed to be fun, right?

●**Buckle up.** It's the law, but more importantly, seatbelts save lives. Don't forget the kids in the back seat, they need to be restrained too.

●**Stay alert.** Avoid the use of stimulants and don't abuse alcohol. Sunburn, hangovers and fatigue all rob you of the edge needed to be safe.

Too many accidents are not accidental. If you take risks while traveling this weekend or this summer, you'll be endangering not only yourself but your family too. It takes only seconds to be safety smart. Take the time to have a safe and enjoyable vacation on the road.

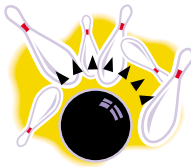
A well-planned, well-executed road trip can be a great way for you and your family to enjoy a vacation.

Need some money-saving tips?



The Family Support Center has just what you're looking for. A self-paced, interactive personal finance program on compact disc is now available at the FSC computer resource center. Topics on the disc include budgeting, credit management, insurance, savings, investing, relocation and more! For more information call, the Family Support Center, 283-4204.

Be wise. Proper money management skills now can carry you far in the future.



Bowl a few frames at Raptor Lanes

Hours of operation
Monday-Wednesday: 10 a.m.-10 p.m.
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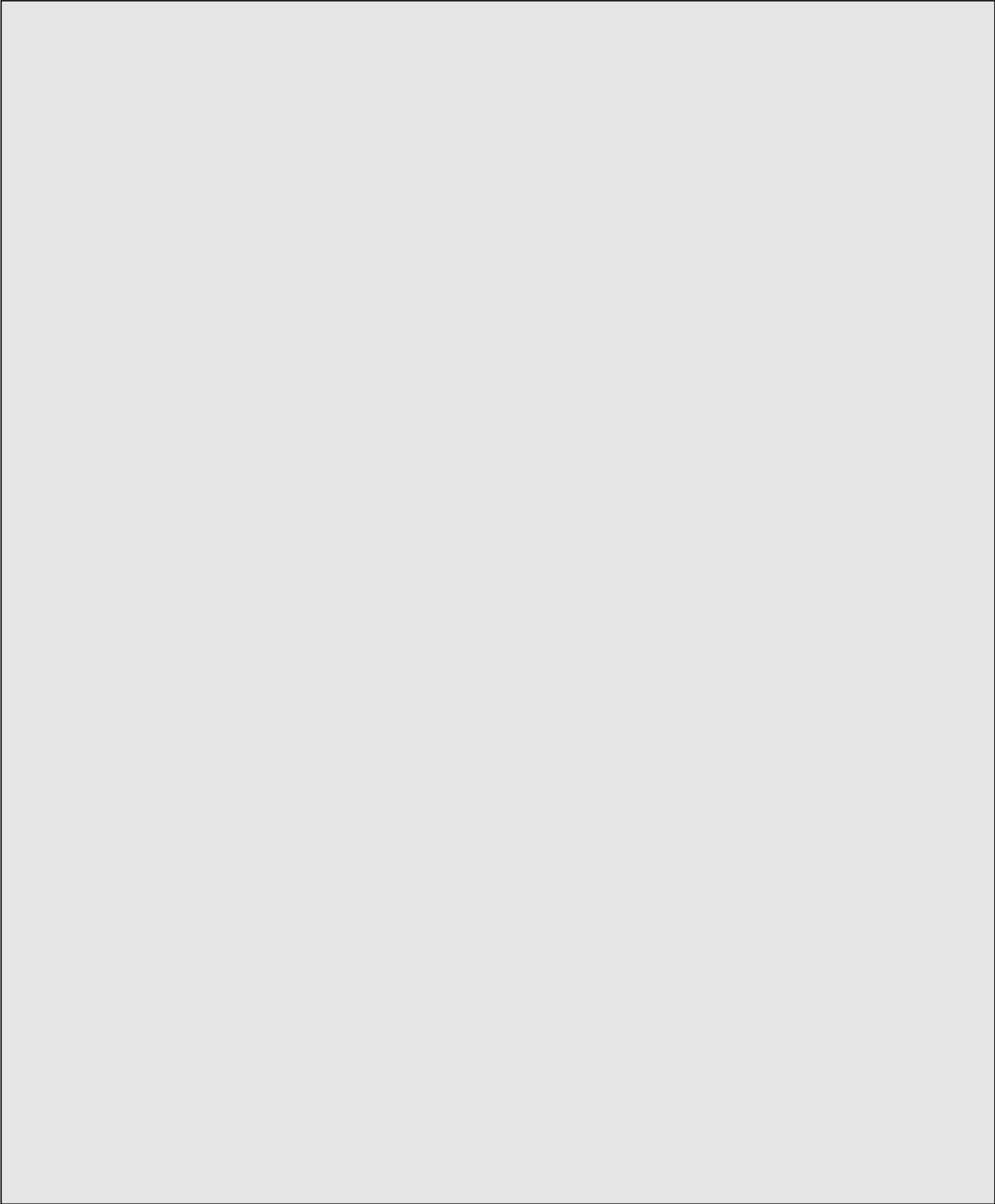
Staff Sgt. John Asselin

Book donation

Karen Hicks, left, and Sly Hallman, right, both 1st Fighter Squadron spouses group members, show Susan Shumaker, Tyndall Elementary School media specialist, center, some of the books the spouses group donated to the elementary school. The group donated 38 books to supplement the school's library inventory.

Tyndall's chapel schedule

Protestant	Reconciliation: 4 p.m. Saturday
Communion Service: 9:30 a.m. Chapel 1	Mass: 5 p.m. Saturday, Chapel 2
General Protestant Service: 11:00 a.m. Chapel 2	Mass: 9:30 a.m. Sunday, Chapel 2
Sunday school: in recess for the summer	Religious education: in recess for the summer
Kids' Club: in recess for the summer	Chapel 1: 283-2691
Catholic	Chapel 2: 283-2925
Daily Mass: noon Monday through Friday, Chapel 2;	Spiritual Maintenance: 283-2367
	Other faith groups: Call 283-2925



Wright-Patterson to host fourth Air Force Marathon

WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio (AFPN) — Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio will host the fourth U.S. Air Force Marathon here on Sept. 16.

Thousands of athletes are toning up for this annual event, which pits runners from all walks of life against one of the toughest and most scenic courses in the country.

More than 2,800 participated in last year's test of endurance, racing against military and civilian runners from all four military services, every state and 10 other countries. Tony Meyers, a 35-year-old sergeant major in the Belgian air force, won the 1999 race.

Run on a U.S. Track and Field certified course, the Air Force Marathon takes participants past sites tied to historic military aviation feats — such as Huffman Prairie and the Wright Brothers Memorial — as well as static displays of various aircraft currently in the Air Force inventory. Runners

are also treated to water and aid stations at numerous sites along the course and snack stations at the end of the course, manned by more than 2,000 base and local volunteers.

As in the past, runners will be competing in several categories, including individual and wheelchair, marathon team, and Ekiden-style relay team categories.

Runners receive Air Force medallions, T-shirts and patches. The entry fee for individual and wheelchair participants is \$35 if postmarked before July 1, or \$45 if postmarked between July 1 and Aug. 31. Marathon team fees are \$175 before July 1, or \$225 between July 1 and Aug. 31. Relay team fees are \$120 before July 1, or \$160 between July 1 and Aug. 31.

For more information or to register for the marathon, visit the official marathon web site at: www.afmarathon.wpafb.af.mil, or call the marathon office at (937)257-4350 or (800) 467-1823.



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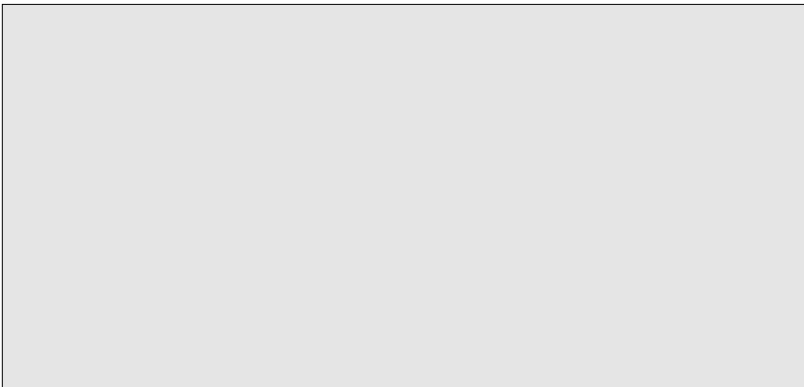
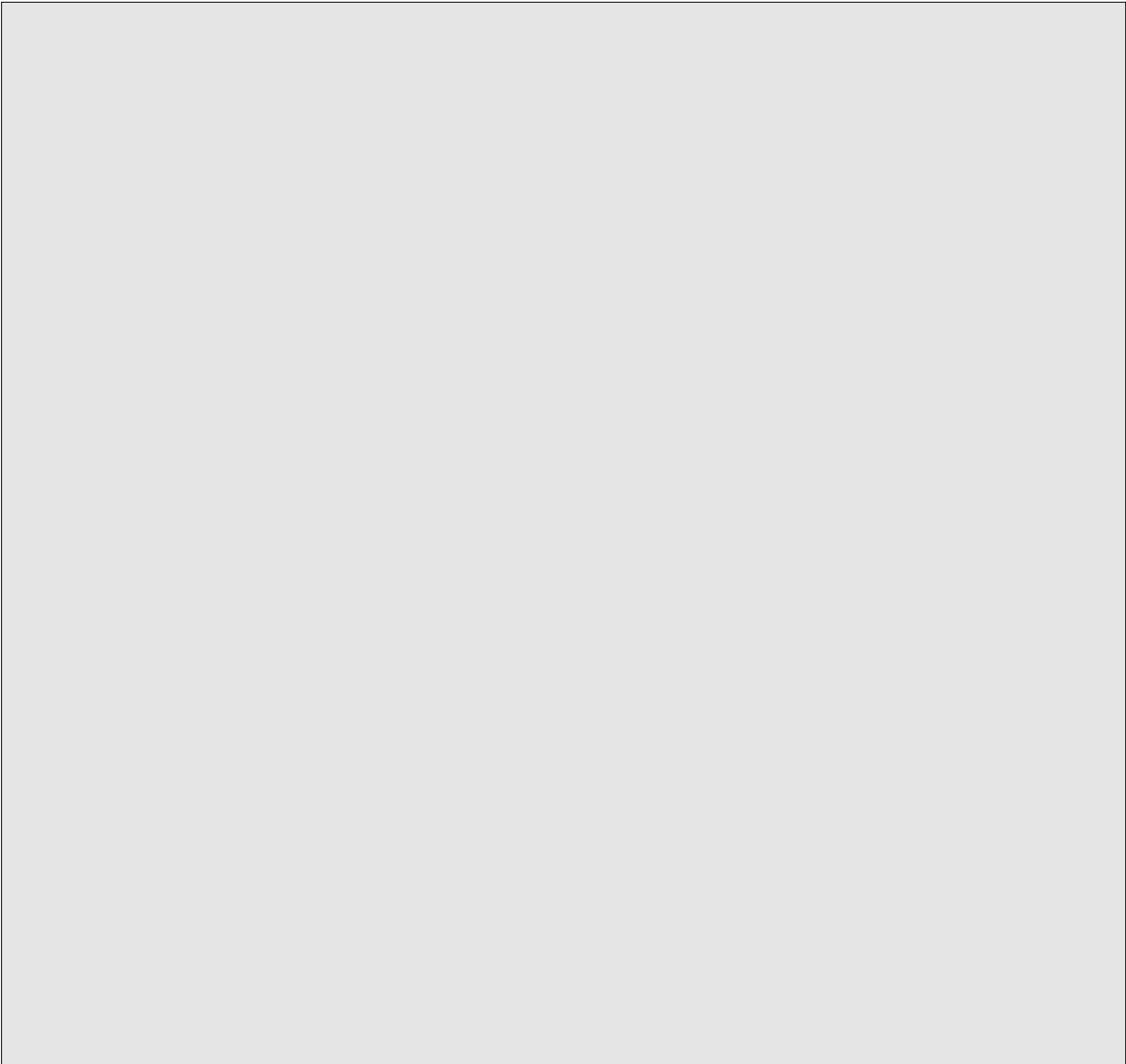
Some of the more than 2,800 runners entered in the 1999 Air Force Marathon run past a KC-10 Extender at the race's 10-mile point. Registration has opened for this year's Marathon, scheduled for Sept. 16.



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Show up and sing
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“All Stars” softball team qualifies for Armed Forces World Championship

Courtesy of the Tyndall “All Stars”

The Tyndall “All Stars” men’s softball team, coached by H.D. Jones, finished first in the Armed Forces World Qualifier held at Frank Brown Park in Panama City recently. Tyndall is now qualified to compete in the Armed Forces World Tournament Aug. 17-20 in Dallas, Texas.

Entering the tournament in the Varsity “B” division, the “All Stars” finished with an unblemished record of 6-0, capturing not only their division, but the Varsity “A” division title as well. The field of competitors consisted of teams from Panama City,

Pensacola, Jacksonville and Miami. The biggest game in the series was against Jacksonville’s favored “A” division Navy team. But they proved no match for the “All Stars” who out-hit the Navy team with six crucial home runs and an impressive team batting average of .647. The final score was 23-14.

Leading the “All Stars” attack was Kenneth Beckett batting .736, Zac Turissini and Doug Guerette hitting .730 and Ashley Whitehurst with .727.

With scores like this, the team’s coach was pleased with his team’s performance. “The way the ‘All Stars’

played this weekend, the New York Yankees couldn’t have beat us,” Jones said. “We scored 113 runs and hit 643 as a team. If we take this intensity to Dallas we will be looking to bring home the gold. I think we’re going to have a great year.”

The “All Stars” team consists of Coach H.D. Jones, Kenneth Beckett, Zac Turissini, Doug Guerette, Ashley Whitehurst, Clayton Abbott, Rich Verry, Mike Horton, James Cassidy, Daryl Todd, Phil Bonadonna, Michael Brown, JT Thompson, Daryl Poe, Jason Justice, Tom Finnegan, and Manny Gonnzalez.

The team will be hosting the Harder’s Invitational Softball Tourney June 16-17 at Harder’s Field in Panama City. For more information, call H.D Jones, 283-2244 or Staff Sgt. Daryl Poe, 283-7611.

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Chiefs’ Group Golf Tournament

The Annual Tyndall Chief’s Group Golf Tournament will be at noon June 23 at Tyndall’s Pelican Point Golf Course. This event is open to everyone. The cost for the event is \$35 for non-golf course members and \$25 for golf course members. This price includes the round, cart, entry fee and meal. To sign up, see any Tyndall chief master sgt. For more information call Chief Master Sgt. Julio Morelos, 283-6306 or call the Pelican Point Golf Course, 286-2565.



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Intramural softball

Team	Wins	Losses
Falcon league		
325 OSS	7	0
1 FS	4	1
325 COM	4	2
325 TRS 1	4	2
SEADS 1	3	2
325 SFS	3	2
325 MDG	3	2
325 MSS	3	3
325 MXS 1	3	3
2 FS	2	4
95 FS	2	5
83 FWS 1	0	6
325 MXS 2	0	6
Federal league		
AFCESA	6	1
RHS	5	1
TW	5	1
325 LSS	5	2
325 SVS	4	2
325 CES	4	2
CONR	3	4
CONS	2	4
83 FWS 2	2	5
53 WEG	2	5
325 TRS 2	1	6
SEADS 1	0	6

Intramural golf

Squadron	Total points
CONR 1	43
325 MXS	39
325 SVS	36.5
AFCESA	34.5
325 MSS	33.5
325 OSS	33.5
325 CES	33
325 TRS	31
325 LSS1	23
TEST 1	22
82 ATRS	21.5
SEADS	19
83 FWS	15
81 TSS	13.5
325 SFS	12
325 COM	11.5
CONR 3	10.5
RHS	9.5
CONR 2	8.5
372 TRS	8
95 FS	5.5
325 LSS 2	1.5
2 FS	0
TEST 2	0

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